

FORTY REPORTED KILLED IN LATEST MEXICAN RAID

REVOLUTION IN FREIGHT RATES THOUGHT NEAR

Structure of American Transportation Tariffs Thrown Out of Adjustment by War Business.

COMMERCE COMMISSION FACES A HUGE TASK

Say Work Will be Handicapped Unless Bill Passes Increasing Membership From Seven to Nine.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 12.—The entire structure of American transportation rates—both land and by water—has been undermined by the European war and the interstate commerce commission is facing a very serious task in attempting to bring order out of the general confusion now reigning in the transportation world. The new situations developed by the war are:

The congestion of freight cars in the east.

The serious shortage of cars in the west, holding up shipments of food, manufactured and raw materials and generally embarrassing middle western industry.

Demand of railroads for higher rates on commodities which have increased in value because of war orders. In this connection freight rates are usually largely based on the value of the article carried.

The necessity for the establishment of new arrangements for joint rates and through rates to facilitate shipment of war supplies from interior points to the coast.

Fabric Out of Adjustment. The throwing out of adjustment of the elaborate fabric of rates, carefully woven by the commission to meet conditions of competition by rail and by water from one coast of the United States to another.

The suspension of coastwise trade due largely to the withdrawal of ships from the coast and the great lakes for use in the ocean traffic where higher freight rates are available. This has entailed the establishment of new rates structures to handle the business forced to the rail lines.

These situations require a tremendous amount of work on the part of the commission and that body feels that it will be seriously handicapped unless the bill now pending in congress providing for the enlargement of the commission from seven to nine members, passes.

The transportation rate structure of the United States is so delicately adjusted that the greatest care is required in making any revision, according to members of the commission.

A given situation where vastly increased traffic, due to war orders, appears to justify a reduction in railroad rates is not cured by an order of the commission authorizing the reduction. The result is that points other than those involved protest against such rate reductions, arguing that they are discriminated against, business being thrown to the favored point.

Thus, revision of a seemingly limited set of rates usually involves a rate revolution covering an entire region. The intermountain rate case, the case involving rates from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois territory to south Atlantic points, the case concerning rates from northern manufacturing cities to the gulf of Mexico and a score of others pending before the commission will result in all probability in one of the most general rate revolutions the United States has known for many years and possibly at the close of the European war, peace will bring another change in conditions requiring another radical readjustment.

Two Killed, Five Injured, in Wreck

RALEIGH, N. C., May 12.—Two persons were killed and five injured when the Flamingo Special on the Seaboard Air line was wrecked early today.

The wreck, which was caused by a defective switch, occurred 50 miles north of Raleigh. The train was derailed.

The dead: W. C. Mintra, of Henderson, Hevlie Thomas, of Raleigh.

Engineer W. R. Stephenson was probably fatally hurt.

Plumbers Join Steamfitters in Strike; 59 Out

Fifty-nine plumbers and steamfitters, members of the local branch of the United Association, Chicago, are on strike today in South Bend. The steamfitters struck May 1, charging that their employers locked them out. The plumbers were called out last night. None of the union men came to work Friday morning.

The trouble between the labor men and the "bosses" as far as can be learned, concerns the proposed ratification of a new agreement which is to go into effect June 1. The steamfitters drew up a new scale for approval, but they claim, their employers attempted to coerce them into signing up the old agreement which was effective during the past year. They refused and then, they say, the "bosses" locked shop on them. The new agreement called for a slight wage increase, but the other provisions remained practically the same as in the old one.

The plumbers signed up the old agreement but struck Friday morning following the failure of the labor representatives of the steamfitters' union and the employers to get together. Both the plumbers and steamfitters are organized under the same head here.

The present disagreement, according to the labor officials, will be settled by compromise measures within the next few days.

BROTHERS IN FIGHT

Judge Suspends Fine on Otto and Vern Novak After Trouble.

Otto and Vern Novak, two brothers, participated in an argument over some property they own which resulted in a fist fight. Both were fined \$1 and costs for fighting by Judge Warner in city court Friday morning but were allowed to go free under suspended judgment. Charles Satterblade escaped with a suspended fine of \$1 and costs for intoxication as did James Coleman and John Meighan. Lawrence Rex and Bert Hudson were fined \$1 and costs.

DOGS BOTHERED HIM?

River Park Young Man Fined For Carrying Concealed Weapons.

Asserting that the dogs of the neighborhood bothered him to the extent that it was necessary for him to carry a gun, Boser Smith, River Park, pleaded with Judge Warner to let him go free. Smith was charged with carrying concealed weapons and his story had little effect upon the judge. He was fined \$1 and costs.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Man Charged With Stealing Clothes Will Fight Case.

Louis Braniff, charged with grand larceny, pleaded not guilty in city court Friday morning and a hearing was set down for next Wednesday. It is alleged that Braniff stole a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes from Mark Apple. The stolen goods are valued at \$26. Bond of \$200 was furnished by the defendant.

FINED FOR SPEEDING

L. J. Hooper Convicted in Court. Emory Barkus to be Tried.

L. J. Hooper paid a fine of \$5 and costs for speeding when arraigned in city court Friday morning. Emory Barkus will be tried Saturday morning for violating the traffic laws by cutting corners. He furnished bond.

ARTILLERY ENTRAINERS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 12.—The 16th artillery entrained here today for San Antonio, to go on border duty.

OLDEST GENERAL DIES.

COLUMBUS, Miss., May 12.—Harris Johnston, 101 years old, the oldest general in the United States, died here today.

Maids Apply!

Yes, this month of May is the time for chambermaids and ladies' maids to apply for work. For the more well-to-do families, who employ this sort of help, will soon be going to the country and will be anxious to take you with them.

These families know the value of the News-Times Want Columns and they know that the best maids ask for such places through News-Times Want Ads, so they will look there for your appeal for a job. Get your News-Times Want Ad in at once and you will have a place in no time.

Society Girl at Work in Camp



MISS ANNE HOPKINS.

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Three hundred women are in camp at Chevy Chase, Md., preparing for war. They do all the stunts that are usually performed by mere men when training for the real rigors of military service. The picture shows Miss Anne Hopkins, a favorite in Washington society, now working the field telegraph service.

SANDUSKY FIRE LOSS IS \$300,000

Blaze Starting in Livery Barn Threatens Whole Business District.

International News Service: SANDUSKY, O., May 12.—Fire starting from an unknown cause in Peccaro's livery barn in the rear of market st., near Wayne, today spread to adjoining business blocks and for a time threatened the entire downtown section. The livery barn was consumed so quickly that it was with great difficulty that the horses were gotten out.

A strong southeast wind swept the flames to the four-story Schmidt block on the corner of Wayne and Market sts., and this building was completely gutted; the local fire companies being unable to check the wind-driven blaze.

When it was seen that the Schmidt block was doomed, the firemen turned their attention to nearby structures which had been set afire by flying sparks and word was sent to Toledo and Elyria, summoning help. Flames began to belch from the Kuntz block, another four-story diagonally across the corner and in a short time this structure was blazing fiercely.

The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

DUTCH IN MUTINY.

AMSTERDAM, May 12.—Three hundred sailors on three Dutch battleships at Java, mutined, according to Batavia dispatches to the Telegraf. The deserters paraded the suburbs. Soldiers from the garrison captured 60 of them who were punished.

Expedition Faces Supply Shortage

MARATHON, Texas, May 12.—Punitive expedition No. 2 faced a shortage of supplies today that may delay the pursuit into Mexico to get the bandits who raided Glen Springs. Arrivals here today from Boquillas reported that Col. Sibley's command of 250 cavalrymen still is resting on the American side of the Rio Grande and probably would not cross until supplies reached them. Field telegraph communication will not reach Boquillas until Sunday.

Only nine auto trucks are in service between this temporary supply base and the new field of operations. This number is not sufficient to keep the troops and their mounts fed and cared for.

The fate of Jesse Deemer and Monroe Payne, who were carried off during Saturday's raid, was still unknown today.

The all-absorbing topic among the delegates at the present time is that which relates to the question as to who the new bishops are likely to be.

PROGRESS of the War

International News Service: PETROGRAD, May 12.—Turkish troops defending Erzingan have been heavily reinforced, according to dispatches from Tiflis and are offering desperate resistance to the army of Grand Duke Nicholas. The reinforcements are believed to be a portion of the Ottoman army relieved for field service by the surrender of the British army at Kut-el-Amara.

The Turks are assailing the advancing Russians fiercely, but are suffering heavy losses from the machine gun fire of the grand duke's troops.

COPENHAGEN, May 12.—The German naval and military forces are preparing for a combined land and sea attack against the Russian port of Riga, according to a report current here today.

BERLIN, May 12 (by wireless).—The Austro-Hungarian passenger steamer Dubrovnik has been torpedoed and sunk by a hostile submarine in the Adriatic sea. It was announced today. The official report of the vessel's destruction stated that the steamer was unarmed and that it was torpedoed without warning.

CONFERENCE TO SHUN PEACE RESOLUTIONS

Methodists Will Devote Entire Time to Transaction of Church's Business.

International News Service: SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 12.—The Methodist general conference will not go on record as advocating the cessation of the European war, irrespective of the hopes of the delegates that bloodshed will soon end. No resolution stating that it is the sense of the conference that steps be taken toward arbitration therefore, is likely to be entertained seriously, should one be introduced, which appears unlikely.

Dr. Edmond Locke of Kansas, a prominent delegate, in an interview today declared that peace resolutions would find few supporters and that he doubted if any such resolution would be presented. Dr. Locke is one of the secretaries of the conference.

Dr. Locke pointed out in explanation that the present conference had to do with the vital affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church, and that there was much business to transact.

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BANDITS AGAIN ON WAR TRAIL NEAR BORDER

Reports of New Raids Follow Abrupt Termination of Conferences Between Scott and Obregon.

OUTLAWS KILL RANCHER NEAR BROWNSVILLE, TEX.

Curtis Bayles is Shot in First Fire and Marauders Are Chased Back by Members of Family.

International News Service: EL PASO, Texas, May 12.—Mexican marauders along the border have taken the war trail again, following the abrupt termination of the international conference between representatives of the United States and Mexico. Reports of new raids along the border line from El Paso to Brownsville trickled in today.

Snipers in the vicinity of Boquillas fired several times on army automobiles and cavalry scouts who had gone across the border brought back news that new bands were forming on the southern side of the Rio Grande.

American troops from Brownsville today were on the trail of the Mexican outlaws who killed Curtis Bayles, a rancher, near that town yesterday. The raiders sneaked in on Bayles' ranch and their victim was killed at the first fire. Members of his family later drove off the attacking party.

New Demonstrations. From Mexico's interior there also came reports of new anti-American demonstrations. In Chihuahua and Durango Americans have been stoned. Refugees from Guaymas say that radical speakers are allowed to address wild mobs in that section without restraint from Carranza officials.

The American authorities are on the alert for signs of uprising on the border. Since the arrest of Jose Morin, Villa leader, they have been waiting for the first signs of new outbreaks. It is said that Morin's plan was for a concerted movement by Mexicans on this side of the Rio Grande.

These conditions were made known to the state department in Washington as it prepared to take up the work begun by Minister of War Guevara, Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston in El Paso.

The principle feature of the international conference was that it conducted its negotiations without a fracture of the ostensible friendly relations between the two governments. It seems, however, to have made no change in the attitude of either the Carranza government or American administration.

Back to Notes Again. Now that representatives of both governments have had their palaver on the border, the situation again goes back to an exchange of notes between Mexico City and Washington, which is exactly where it started. As a result of this procedure, it seemed likely today that within a short time Washington would have ready a reply to Carranza's note of April 12 demanding withdrawal of the Pershing expedition.

The "conspicuous courtesy and good will" mentioned in official reports of the conference proceedings was present in outward form at their conclusion. All the principals indulged in a final handshake.

Obregon returned to Juarez, where his private train had been prepared for immediate departure to Chihuahua City, Torreon and Mexico City. Gen. Scott today awaited only word from Washington before departure for the capital and Funston was ready to return to San Antonio. At San Antonio he will be in closer touch with the situation growing out of the Big Bend raids.

Guardsmen Gather. From all points through the border states comes news of gathering of state guardsmen for patrol duty along the border. Nineteen carloads of New Mexico's militia, including the crack battery from Roswell, passed through El Paso early today.

Gen. Pershing, in his field headquarters at Nampulpa, has been informed of the end of the Scott-Obregon conference. There was no change of orders from him and he continued to strengthen his position all along the line and held himself in readiness to resist any attitude that might come.

BEECHHURST, N. Y. — Forty members of the Beechhurst Yacht club, who love water as a thing to sail on, left in a body when the organization abolished its bar.

LATEST in the News World

ASQUITH IN DUBLIN. International News Service: DUBLIN, May 12.—Premier Asquith arrived here this morning to investigate for himself conditions in Ireland following the recent revolt. As a result of his visit it is expected that martial law will soon be ended and civil administration restored.

At a long conference with Gen. Maxwell, commander of the military forces in Ireland, the premier received complete official reports on the course that the rebellion had taken and the present situation.

A court martial has been ordered to try the officer held responsible for the execution of F. Sheehy Skeffington, the Irish socialist.

HUGHES SENTIMENT GROWS. International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 12.—Announcement by Col. Roosevelt that "his hat is again in the ring," the interpretation placed in political circles here on his last night's statement, seemingly is crystallizing the Hughes sentiment in Washington. Officialdom in Washington had about conceded the coming presidential handicap to Pres. Wilson and the supreme court justice.

OFFERS OPERATORS RAISE OF 10 PERCENT

International News Service: DANVILLE, Ind., May 12.—The management of the Chicago, Terre Haute and Southeastern railway, the road built by the late John R. Walsh, have offered the telegraph operators an increase in wages of 10 per cent. Recently the road was "unionized" by W. T. McConaghie of Marshall, one of the Big Four telegraph operators, who was a member of the committee which secured an increase for the men there. He found some of the men receiving but \$30 and \$35 a month for their work.

U. S. MINE PLANTERS MUST BE NATIVES

Army Officers Endorse Baker's Order Dismissing Foreign Born Men.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—If Sec'y Baker follows the advice of officers of the army general staff he will in no manner modify a recent order dismissing without delay members of crews of army mine planters who are not native-born American citizens. The request for the modification of the order came from Rep. Johnson of Washington, who received a telegram from Capt. Laconner, signed by five members of the crew of the mine planter Ringold.

The appeal, which stated that the dismissed employees were democrats as well as naturalized citizens, was signed by John W. Carlson, Alfred Christianson, Carl Thomason, William Mathewson and L. Hermanson. At the war department officers of the general staff explained today that mine planting, because of its supreme importance, should be entrusted only to men about whose loyalty to the United States there can be not even the shadow of a doubt.

In a time when much is heard about hyphenates, these officers think the United States should take no chances. They say the secretary of war is entirely within his rights in issuing the order, and that it is general in its application, no one can complain on the ground of discrimination.

No Further Movements. Sec'y Baker said there will be no further troop movements right away. He thus disposed of reports that had been current that the president had about decided to call out for active service on the border select units of the New York, Massachusetts, Ohio and Illinois national guard. The secretary said he was leaving town this afternoon and that he did not anticipate any immediate developments in the Mexican situation. When asked whether there was a prospect of complete intervention in Mexico within a short time the secretary smiled, but refused to discuss the matter in any way.

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CATTLE MEN BRING NEWS OF KILLINGS

United States Customs Official Expresses Confidence in Trustworthiness of Rumor's Source.

TROOPS PASS THROUGH SOUTH BEND FRIDAY

Three Train Loads of Regulars Enroute to Border Pass City on Lake Shore at Noon.

MARATHON, Texas, May 12.

—A report is current in Sanderson, Texas, this afternoon, that 40 Americans, including women and children, were killed by Mexican bandits last night in a raid across the international boundary near Brownsville, Texas.

Word of the report was brought here at noon by Rufus Sterling, a United States customs official. Sterling said that a cattleman at Sanderson, in whom he has implicit confidence, claimed to have received a telegram from Brownsville conveying news of the raid, but containing no details. Sanderson is 60 miles due east of this place.

Three trainloads of United States troops, about 750 men, passed through South Bend on the New York Central railroad at noon Friday, en route to the Mexican border. Each train was made up of between 12 and 18 cars, carrying soldiers, horses, baggage, arms, wagons and ammunition.

The first train passed through the city at 11:35 o'clock, carrying 250 men from Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y. Seven sleeping cars and one dining car were included in the train. The first car was a box car and apparently contained ammunition. The other cars carried the officers' horses, the trucks and equipment of the sanitary department and the baggage of the troops.

Troops from Fort Porter were carried on the second train, and the companies from Plattsburg, N. Y., were on the third train.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 12.—Following today's cabinet meeting Sec'y of War Newton D. Baker said that there would be no "immediate change in policy" in dealing with the Mexican situation. He said that with the breaking up of the conferences at the border between Mexican Minister of War Obregon and Gen. Scott and Funston, the natural next move would be to continue the effort to secure a complete agreement for cooperation between the American troops engaged in protecting the border, the Pershing punitive expedition, and the forces of the Mexican de facto government. This is being done by the state department and meanwhile the administration will mark time.

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New Attacks by Germans Fail

PARIS, May 12.—German troops last night renewed their attacks west of the Meuse in efforts to recapture positions taken by the French at Dead Man's hill on May 10, but the assaults failed, the war office announced today. The Teutons were unable to dislodge the French.

The official communique also states that the French positions at Avocourt wood were bombarded violently by the German artillery and that there was great artillery activity in the Woerthe region.

FLAMES DESTROY MILL. International News Service: ZURICH, May 12.—Great stocks of corn and flour were destroyed today when fire swept through the flour mill at Seebach, the largest of its kind in Hungary.